

long-term care more affordable and accessible for all Americans. It allows a 100 percent deduction for health insurance premiums and long-term care insurance premiums, and provides an additional personal exemption for financial hardships associated with caring for elderly family members at home.

We provide tax relief for survivors. Our plan gradually eliminates the hated death tax, the Federal estate tax, a monstrous tax bite that has shut down far too many family farms, ranches and small businesses. And we provide tax relief to create jobs and growth.

Finally, our plan also promotes investment, risk-taking, and job creation. We provide pro-growth incentives to help attract business and create jobs in at-risk communities, and stimulate growth and investment by providing capital gains tax relief.

Let us compare the Republican plan with the Democrat alternative, which would have raised taxes by \$4 billion. That plan was defeated by this House 173 to 258. The minority leadership apparently does not believe American taxpayers deserve to get back at least some of their hard-earned dollars, nor apparently does the present Clinton-Gore administration.

The President has vetoed the tax bill. He is not committed to cutting taxes, saving Social Security, strengthening Medicare and paying off the public debt. If he were, he would realize that our plan devotes \$2 of every \$3 to the tax surplus specifically for those purposes.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, our logic is clear and simple. If we fail to give a portion of the budget surplus back to where it belongs, to the hard-working American taxpayers, Washington will spend every dime of it and more. Everybody knows it. That is the way this town operates. Always has been, always will be.

On the other hand, I am always happy to cast my vote for putting more money in the hands of the people who earned it, the American taxpayer, not in the hands of Washington big spenders.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. WU (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal reasons.

Ms. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and

extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HULSHOF, for 5 minutes, September 28.

Mr. EHRLICH, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 27, 1999, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4437. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Regulations & Legislation Division, OTS, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Management Official Interlocks [Docket No. 99-36] (RIN: 1550-AB07) received September 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4438. A letter from the Under Secretary Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Manufactured Housing Thermal Requirements (RIN: 0575-AC11) received August 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4439. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Formula Allocation [Docket No. FR-4451-F-04] (RIN: 2577-AB95) received September 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4440. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Conversion of Insured Credit Unions to Mutual Savings Banks—received August 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4441. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions—received August 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4442. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the OMB Cost Estimate For Pay-As-You-Go Calculations; to the Committee on the Budget.

4443. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—William D. Ford Federal Direct

Loan Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4444. A letter from the Secretary, Health and Human Services, transmitting a consolidated report on the Community Food and Nutrition Program for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4445. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, 1996, pursuant to Public Law 101-354, section 2 (104 Stat. 415); to the Committee on Commerce.

4446. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—DOE Authorized Subcontract for Use by DOE Management and Operating Contractors with New Independent States' Scientific Institutes through the International Science and Technology Center—received September 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4447. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety & Health, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Air Monitoring Guide [DOE G 441.1-8] received August 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4448. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sealed Radioactive Source Accountability and Control Guide [DOE G 441.1.13] received September 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4449. A letter from the Special Assistant to Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding for Commercial Broadcast and Instructional Television Fixed Service Licenses [MM Docket No. 97-234] received August 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4450. A letter from the Deputy Division Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Access Charge Reform [CC Docket No. 96-262] Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers [CC Docket No. 94-1] Interexchange Carrier Purchases of Switched Access Services Offered by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers [CCB/CPD File No. 98-63] Petition of US West Communications, Inc. for Forebearance from Regulation as a Dominant Carrier in the Phoenix, Arizona MSA [CC Docket No. 98-157] received August 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4451. A letter from the Supervisory Attorney/Advisor, Common Carrier Bureau Accounting Safeguards Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Review of Accounting and Cost Allocation Requirements [CC Docket No. 98-81, FCC 99-106] August 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4452. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting